

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): It will be constituted certainly after due consideration.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വാഗീസ്: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ മനിഫിപ്പാലിറ്റിയോട് അഭിപ്രായം ചോദിക്കാത്തതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് മനിഫിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽനിന്നും ഐക്യണ്ണേണ ഒരു പ്രമേയം പാസ്സാക്കി ഗവണ്മെന്റിലേക്കയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: എന്തിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് ചോദിക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വാഗീസ്: ഈ മത സുബോർഡിനേറ്റ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡ് അപ്പോയിൻമെന്റുകളിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ളതാണ് ഈ ചോദ്യം.

Mr. President: I do not think the question arises as a supplementary question.

DEPRESSED CLASSES IN THE LABOUR FORCES OUTSIDE THE STATE

17. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Cochinites serving in the Labour Forces outside Cochin;

(b) how many of them are from the Depressed Classes?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): (a) About 29,000 on 16th July 1945 1st Karkadagam 1120.

(b) The number of persons belonging to the Depressed Classes in the Units is not known.

Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan (Nominated): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to give a caste war statements of the persons in the Units after the termination of the War?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): The Cochin Labour Recruiting Officer to whom this matter was referred to and who alone could give the figures states that these details are not entered in the Register. But he says he knows definitely that a large proportion of the depressed classes have been recruited.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Uraham): Are there non-Cochinites among the recruits?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): There might be. I do not know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether a fair representation is given to the depressed classes in these Labour Forces also to give effect to the correct policy of giving equal opportunities to all the different sections of His Highness's loving and loyal subjects.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): I know there is a fair percentage of depressed classes among the Labour Units. That is the report of the Chief Labour Recruiting Officer.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. വേലായുധൻ: ഇത്ര ശതമാനം ഡിപ്രസ്ഡ് ക്ലാസിൽനിന്നും എടുത്തുകൊള്ളണമെന്നു വല്ല നിയമവുമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്.

BILLS PASSED IN THE COUNCIL—PARTICULARS REGARDING

18. Miss Annie Joseph (Trichur-Women): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of legislations introduced by the Government and passed by the Legislative Council to which Sign Manual has neither been granted, nor refused during the term of the last Council;

(b) the number of non-official Bills of the last Council for which Sign Manual has been refused?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): (a) One. The Cochin Kuries Act (Amendment) Bill.

Note.—The Preservation of Eries Bill and the Arbitration Bill which are just being submitted to H. H. are not included in the answer.

(b) Two. The Cochin Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill of Messrs. V. J. Mathai and C. V. Iyyu and the Cochin Agriculturist Relief Act (Amendment) Bill of Mr. A. V. Moothedan

Miss Annie Joseph (Trichur-Women): I have asked for information the number of legislations to which Sign Manual has neither been granted nor refused. I want to know the exact position of this bill.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): Sign Manual has neither been granted nor refused to this. That is the position.

Miss Annie Joseph (Trichur-Women): Has there been any instance of a bill for which Sign Manual has been refused?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): There have been.

SALARIES TO M.L.Cs.

19. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) are the Government aware that salaries are paid to M.L.Cs. in the Madras Province and the Sister State of Travancore;
- (b) has not a Bill been passed by this Council allowing pay to Members of the Council;
- (c) when was this passed;
- (d) has the Bill been acted upon;
- (e) if not acted upon, why?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) 21st November 1940 (6th Vrischigam 1116).

(d) No.

(e) The Bill has not been assented to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether ours is the cheapest Legislative Council the world over?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): I should plead ignorance on that point. I cannot definitely say that it is the cheapest or it is not the cheapest.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether the provision of the Legislative sub-head of the General Administration is comparatively very low with other sub-heads under General Administration?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): The Hon'ble Members are given the figures to know that. I do not know what percentage it will come to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): For 1118 the amount is only Rs. 12,511.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member has the information which is asking for. I would ask him to confine his question to those to which seek for information which is not in his possession.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I make one enquiry, Sir?

Mr. President: No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I seek enquiry for the benefit of the public namely whether the figure in the revised estimate for Legislative Council....

Mr. President: Order, order. I have already asked the Hon'ble Member to confine his question to those facts which are not available to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I have not put the question, Sir. I have only started the question.

Mr. President: Order, order. Does the Hon'ble Member intend to defy the Chair?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Certainly not. "I have not put the question. If the whole question is understood then this inference will not follow."

Mr. President: I must ask the Hon'ble Member to put questions only for the purpose of eliciting information which is not available to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know what is the delay in not giving effect to the Bill passed more than 3 years ago?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government): The answer is quite clear. Sign Manual has not been given. It is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): What are the difficulties that stand in the way?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Secretary to Government): That is certainly confined to His Highness' decision and that is a matter which cannot be discussed in this Council at all.